

Texas State Strategic Health Partnership Guiding Principles for Workgroups

***Everyone's voice is important.** Seek to include or involve as many diverse voices as possible before decisions are made or actions taken. Remember the health of the public is a shared responsibility.

***Every organizational partner and their contribution are equally valued.**
Actively contribute to the dialog and the decision-making.

***Recognize these are Year 2010 Goals.** As such they will require **long-term** support and commitment and extraordinary vision. Actions taken today are designed to lead to **a healthier state tomorrow.**

***Seek maximum benefit for all.** Work for the common good of all not from an independent organizational, legislative/policy, or funding perspective.

***Seek consensus and diversity in perspectives.** Help bring organizations and individuals together rather than polarize or blame for past actions.

***Fully and openly communicate with all.** Leave personal agendas at home.

***Bring your time and your talents to the table.** Look for opportunities to engage others in the work of the partnership.

***Collectively share accountability and responsibility for decisions and actions.**

For more information, visit the Texas State Strategic Health Partnership webpage at www.tdh.state.tx.us/sshp.htm or call Rick Danko or Donna Nichols at 512-458-7511.